

APPLICANTS' SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner and the Supervising Patent Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic examiner interview on June 22, 2010. During the interview, the Examiners and Applicants' representative, Albert Vredevelde, discussed the subject matter of the application. In addition, the SPE suggested that amending claim 20 to recite "a computer-readable storage medium providing non-volatile physical storage of computer-readable instructions" would overcome the rejection of claims 20-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In addition, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hurley in view of Freeman in view of Wu was discussed. In particular, Mr. Vredevelde explained that the "MergeAgent" of Hurley is not part of a local version of an item in a relational database, as required by Claim 1. The Examiners invited Applicants to provide this argument in a written response.